

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were pending. Claim 26 stands rejected. Claims 1-25 and 27 were allowed. The applicant has canceled claim 26 and added claims 28-51. The applicant has amended claims 13, 14, 16, 17, and 27. Claims 1-25 and 27-51 are now pending.

OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objected to the title as being non-descriptive. The applicant has amended the title to be descriptive and respectfully submits that the amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection.

The Examiner objected to claim 17 for being informal. The applicant has amended claim 17 to remove the informality and respectfully submits that the amendment overcomes the Examiner's objection.

SECTION 102 REJECTIONS

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,534,915 to Sandrew. The applicant has canceled claim 26 without prejudice.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 28-51 are computer program product claims. They contain claim limitations corresponding to those of allowed claims 1-25 and 27, respectively, and therefore, the applicant respectfully submits, are allowable for at least reasons that claims 1-25 and 27 are allowable.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The applicant has amended claims 13, 14, 16, and 27 to either more particularly recite the invention or to correct typographical or clerical errors. No new matter has been added.

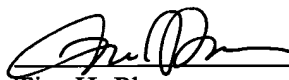
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